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## Benson and Higgins Receive Retiree Scholarships

Brian Helms, Extension fund development officer, representing the retiree editorial board, presented two scholarships of \$500 each to Ray Benson and Kristin Higgins at the Retiree Luncheon at the Galaxy Conference on April 1 at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute on Petit Jean Mountain.

Ray Benson, county Extension agent - staff chair in Mississippi County, Delta District, is pursuing a doctorate in Environmental Sciences at Arkansas State University. His research involves measurements to help define crop management zones for fields in Northeast Arkansas to help in identifying more efficient uses of precision agriculture.

He said that “having University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture guidelines for site specific management of fields with varying soil types will help producers become more efficient and help reduce negative environmental impacts associated with over-fertilization of soil type zones subject to nutrient leaching.”

Kristin Higgins, program associate - Public Policy, is pursuing a masters of science degree in Agricultural and Extension Education at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. She developed and implemented the Arkansas Watershed Stewardship program in eight priority watersheds in the state. She was also responsible for the 2014 ballot issue education program, monitoring the changing ballot situation, producing fact sheets and videos, updating the website and training agents.

Higgins said that “each class has given me a new tool or understanding that helps me in daily Extension work. For example, I chose to evaluate Extension’s ballot issue education program for my thesis using the steps and procedures I learned in school. Once completed, the evaluation will undoubtedly improve our future ballot issue programs, which exist to increase voters’ knowledge and confidence in their decisions.”

The Extension retiree scholarships support professional development opportunities for Extension faculty and staff. Including this year’s winners, the Retiree Scholarship has been awarded to 11 Extension employees, for a total of \$5,500.

We thank retirees, as well as their families and friends, for their generous donations to this fund.



Ray Benson, retiree scholarship winner, with retiree editorial board members Stan Chapman and Tom Leslie and Brian Helms, fund development officer.



Kristin Higgins, retiree scholarship winner, with Tom Leslie, Stan Chapman and Brian Helms.

## May Birthdays

Rosemary Gardner, May 1	Teresa Booth, May 21
Paul Cooper, May 2	LaVetta Perkins, May 21
Shirley Shelton West, May 5	Kaye Shrout, May 21
Irene Lee, May 9	Charlotte Freeman, May 22
Clarice Griffith, May 10	Mary Kennett Manis Rhodes, May 23
Earl Wilson, May 10	Donald Johnson, May 24
B. J. Hankins, May 12	Faye Suitt, May 26
Carol Massey, May 12	James Peachey, May 28
Bob Rhodes, May 12	Larry Smith, May 29
Dianna Cox, May 17	Donald Adams, May 30
Clyde Stuart Jr., May 17	Donald Slate, May 30
Harold Williams, May 18	Darlene Baker Millard, May 31
Bill Russell, May 19	

## Honorary and Memorial Gifts

The following honorary and memorial gifts were received to support the professional development opportunities for faculty and staff of the Cooperative Extension Service. This list covers honorary and memorial gifts recorded March 1-31, 2015.

### ■ -Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship

*In memory of Randel Price*

Erma Marine Scott -

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Wanda Gray

Honorary or memorial donations made payable to the UA Foundation, Inc., may be forwarded to the Development Office, Cooperative Extension Service, 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204. To ensure that proper notification is sent, please also include in whose honor or memory the gift is made and the mailing address of the person to receive the notification.

## Randel Price Dies

Randel Keith Price, Ph.D., of North Little Rock, died March 15, 2015, at age 89.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret Miles Price; two sons, Randel M. Price of Memphis, Tenn., and Douglas K. Price of Fairfax, Va.; two siblings, Arraminta Web of Houston, Tex., and Robert Price of Stephens, Ark; and one grandchild.

Price attended Magnolia A&M before enlisting in the army in 1943. He served with the 342nd infantry in

the U.S., Europe and the Philippines, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Star.

After earning a B.S. in animal husbandry from Louisiana State University in 1948, he joined the Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and served as a county agent in Poinsett, White and Prairie counties. He later served as an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas before taking a leave of absence to complete his Ph.D. in Extension administration from the University of Wisconsin - Madison.

From 1962 to 1971, Price was professor of Extension education at the University of Missouri; he then became director - training and staff development, for the University of Missouri Extension System. In 1979, he returned to Arkansas to serve as the associate director - field operations for Arkansas Extension, subsequently serving as interim director, before retiring in 1988.

A memorial service was held at the North Little Rock Funeral Home on March 19 with interment at the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, North Little Rock.

Memorials may be made to the Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship (with checks made out to the UA Foundation, c/o the Cooperative Extension Service Retiree Scholarship, 2301 South University Ave., Little Rock, AR 72204-4940) or Park Hill Baptist Church building fund (201 East "C" Avenue, North Little Rock, AR 72116).

## Wanda Spivey Dies

Wanda Inez Richards Underwood Spivey, age 97, died March 25 in Kerrville, Texas.

Spivey attended the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. In 1941, she became Monroe County home demonstration agent and in 1943 Lee County home demonstration agent. She lived in Arizona from 1952 until 1977. She returned to Arkansas and resided in Little Rock until 1993 when she moved to Kerrville to be near her daughter, Susi.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Richard Underwood, Cliff and Deborah Crozier Underwood, Robert and Deborah Thomas Underwood, Charles and Ginger Underwood, Ron and Susi Underwood Bell, Don and Judy Spivey and David and Sandy Spivey; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 29 at Kerrville First United Methodist Church and in Holbrook, Arizona, at First Southern Baptist Church on April 4 with interment in the Holbrook Cemetery.





*Extension retirees and spouses at 2015 Retiree Luncheon.*



*Tom Riley, Stan and Barbara Chapman, and Carol Reiner visit before lunch.*



*Ashley Carroll, Pulaski Co. family and consumer sciences agent and 2014 scholarship recipient, shares what receiving the scholarship meant to her.*



*Rich Poling, director - program and staff development, chats with Ray Benson and his wife, Jennifer.*



*Laura Goforth, associate designer/editor, with retiree Patsy Keller.*



*Claude Bonner with Amy Hedges, assistant to the associate vice president.*

## From the Editorial Board

Retirees and their guests received a warm welcome from Extension employees at the 2015 retiree luncheon April 1 at the Galaxy Conference.

Brian Helms presented Extension Retiree Scholarships to Ray Benson and Kristin Higgins on behalf of the retiree editorial board.

Thanks to all the retirees whose contributions have made it possible to award these scholarships.

If you have not given or if you wish to donate again this year, please send any amount you wish to give and you'll be listed and recognized as a 2015 donor during next year's Galaxy Conference.

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The board would like to express appreciation to Gene Woodall for his past service. He has resigned from the retiree editorial board effective April 30. He has served on the editorial board since September 2010.

### Editorial Board Members

Mike Wright	Stan Chapman
Lorraine Hupp	Lott Rolfe, III
Earl Wilson	Gene Woodall
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